

## Religious Reading.

### "A Little Child has Broken my Heart."

In the year 1759, a colony of Moravian brethren, settled in Cuzco, near Berlin, Prussia, suffered greatly from a war that raged in that country. The allied forces of Austria and Russia, being encamped near Neusalz, laid an exorbitant contribution upon the town, besides which, many excesses were committed by the soldiers. One evening, a long train of ammunition and baggage wagons arrived, large fires were kindled, and depredations committed in gardens, stables and out-houses. This served as a signal for general pillage. Every house in the place was forcibly entered, robbed of its furniture, the windows and doors broken, and property wantonly destroyed. During this dreadful night, a Russian officer made his way into the house of the warden of the Moravian congregation, Brother Gammern, and entered the room where his wife was sitting with her little infant, only eight weeks old. The officer was accompanied by two servants, carrying a bed and a rope. With fear and trembling, Mrs. Gammern, who had been heart to heart with her husband, the officer, and bedewing it with tears, entreated him for God's sake to spare her child. The officer bent down, and as he was looking at the infant, it smiled. At this hurried pale, and brandishing his sabre, struck at his servants. Then he hastily ran down stairs, and entered a room where some of the family were sitting in fear and sadness, and seating himself at a table, he addressed his Russian attendants, saying with an oath, "I mediated a great deed, but a little child has broken my heart."

This Russian officer was brave, perhaps cruel. He could fight well, plunder and burn dwellings, and kill their inhabitants, in a general way. He might even have dashed on, in spite of the cries and tears of fathers and mothers, for it was an hour of mad and frenzied action. But he paused to look upon the face of a smiling infant, and was changed. He was made, not a coward, but a man. Perhaps he was a father, touched at that instant with an electric spark from his own hearthstone, where the merry voice of a little prattler last night on his ears as he went "to the wars." At least, he hesitated all other appeals, he was overcome by the face of a child. His emotion rushed out in a frank avowal; he could not do the "great deed" which he "mediated."

We take this Russian officer as a type of humanity. He seemed to be a hardened monster, but there was in him a sacred element. That element answered to childhood's sweet call, and held him a subdued captive. We admire this development of the man's character—a character which, till this moment, had seemed savage and repulsive, and from the touching narrative we gather an important lesson; that a man is a man about in proportion as he cultivates and yields to the domestic ties and qualities; and unmanly and inhuman in the degree in which these qualities are suppressed and eradicated. A man or woman in whom no chord vibrates to the smiles and music of childhood, must be taken at a prodigious discount in any of the relations of life.

## Clerical Elitir.

A recipe for the infallible cure of all clerical diseases (patent right secured according to law.)

1. Three grains of moderate exercise, viz:
    1. A Horse, to exercise the body.
    2. A Harmonicon, to exercise the mind.
    3. A Heart, to exercise the affection.
  2. Three grains of active duties, viz:
    1. Humanity, a duty he owes to others.
    2. Humility, a duty he owes to himself.
    3. Holiness, a duty to God.
  3. Three grains of temporal blessings, viz:
    1. A Little House, to live in.
    2. A Little Hard Bread, to live upon.
    3. A Little Helpmate, to live with.
  4. Three great spiritual blessings, viz:
    1. Happiness, in life.
    2. Hope, in death.
    3. Heaven, in eternity.
- Mix these various ingredients carefully, and the preparation will be ready for immediate use.

N. B. If the patient cannot obtain all the articles mentioned in the above catalogue, let him use such as he can obtain.

## Farm, Garden and Kitchen.

### Where is the Shovel?

"Nathan, where is the shovel? Here I've been hunting long enough to do the work three times over, and I cannot find that shovel."

The farmer was wrath. "I don't know where 'tis, summers about I suppose."

The two joined in the search. "Nathan, you have left that shovel where you have worked, I know. Why don't you put the tools in their places."

"Where is the place for it, I should like to know, father?"

He couldn't tell. It had no place. Sometimes it was laid in the wagon, and occasionally accompanied that vehicle when harnessed in a hurry. Sometimes it was hung up with the harness, to fall down when not wanted, or get covered up when it was. A great deal of shoe leather had come to naught by that shovel. It had at times more to the obliviousness of Sir John Franklin, and defied discovery. So it was with all the other tools. They would all seem to vanish at some times, and then come to light rusty as old anchors.

The farmer's barn was crowded. He had no "spare room" there. There were several in his dwelling, but the barn was always full—it was a kind of mammoth sausage—stuffed every year. So there was no room for a special apartment for tools. In his imagination he never saw his horse hung on a long cleft, his chains all regular in rows, his rakes and his long forks overhead, certainly he was never anxious for such a convenient room.

Why? His father never had a tool house, and his father was a good farmer. So he was then—in his day—but there are better husbandmen now, let me say, and I have no desire to shock any one's veneration.

Did they find the shovel? No, they might as well have searched for the philosopher's stone. Nathan started for Mr. Goodman's to borrow one. Their work must be done and borrow he must.

"I don't know as you can find one in my tool house," replied Mr. Goodman.

Nathan noticed that he bore down on some of his words like a man on a plow beam. Didn't he mean something? Nathan went to the tool room thoughtfully. A door on wheels opened with a slight push, and there

was Goodman's tools—enough, Nathan thought, to equip a company of sappers and miners. Hatchets, axes, saws, tree-screeps, grafting tools, hoes, diggers, shovels, spades, pick axes, crow bars, plows, harrows, cultivators, seed sowers, sieves, trowels, rakes, pitchforks, dails, chains, yokes, muzzles, ropes, crow twine, baskets, measures—all were there neatly and compactly arranged. It was Goodman's ark—to save him from the deluge of unthrift. Here every night the tools were brought in and wiped clean and hung up in their places. The next morning a job could be commenced at once, Goodman knew.

He partitioned off a large room in his new barn for tools. It was central and easy of access. It was a pleasant place for a visitor—the tools were the best of their kind. Every new shovel or rake or fork, before used was well oiled with linseed oil, which left the wood smooth and impervious to water. Goodman frequently says, "I had rather have the few hundred dollars spent for tools invested than the same in railroad stock. It pays better."

Now there is no patent on Goodman's plan and I hope many will go right into it—the more "successful imitations" the better for farmers.

## Protection of Sheep—Tax the Dogs.

[We ask especial attention to the communication below. Let some public spirited individual in each county gather facts and statistics, and the mass of people will be started with the result. We suggest that every agricultural society appoint a standing committee on sheep-killing dogs, to report once a year, or oftener.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the American Agriculturist:

I notice in the current January Agriculturist the remark: "We cannot keep sheep on account of the dogs." In many parts of the country, that has been, and is supposed to be an inevitable evil attendant upon the department of husbandry. But there is a remedy and a power in the agricultural community to protect their interests in this most profitable and pleasant department of their industry.

In Massachusetts and Connecticut, laws have been enacted, levying a tax upon dogs, of \$1 each, and on every dog \$5; each dog thus taxed is registered in the Clerk's office of the town where owned, and must also wear a collar, with the owner's name on it. Every dog not thus taxed, registered and collared, may be killed by any one. Sheriffs, constables are required to kill them, or, after request, are liable to pay a fine if they refuse.

Any one keeping or harboring an unlawful dog, is liable to a fine of \$10. Dogs thus taxed, etc., are protected from destruction under severe penalties. If found destroying sheep, their lives are forfeited, and the owner required to pay all damages. The money thus levied, constitute a fund with which to pay all damages for destruction of sheep by dogs undetected. Every State in the Union should have such a law, and farmers must work for it.

Two years ago, having learned that one man in this county had ninety sheep killed in one day by two dogs, and his neighbor \$100 worth of Cotswolds (I believe) at the same time, and by the same dogs, with the assistance of a few gentlemen, in different towns of Southern Berkshire, I commenced gathering facts. I had reliable information from farmers who had suffered, that in this half of the county, in the five preceding years, dogs had destroyed sheep to the value of two thousand five hundred dollars. Men were incredulous when I told them this, until I showed them the items and names. These were laid before a full meeting of the Housatonic Agricultural Society, and a vote passed, unanimously, requesting our Legislature to pass a law similar to the one now in force. After this the Massachusetts State Society took the matter in hand, and, in consequence, the first enactment was modified, and made more efficient. The result has been very satisfactory; and the law works well.

According to ascertained facts, the farmers of Berkshire County suffered a loss of one thousand dollars annually by the ravages of dogs among their sheep. Still the evil had existed so long, that many thought there was no remedy, and some who had sheep killed, even in the sheds, only a few days before my requesting the particulars, neglected to answer my letters. Farmers in the Legislature were afraid to take hold of it at first, from fear of impopularity, and only when influenced by a strong public opinion and numerous petitions, did they move.

All I have to say to my brother farmers is go to work by circulating petitions to your Legislatures; and, if need be, gather up facts to show the reasonableness of the demand for protection, and refer to the enactments of Connecticut and Massachusetts as good precedents. It may cost a little time and trouble, but it will pay well if you wish to raise sheep. Then a good flock, with good care, will yield you a good profit.

F. WHITING.  
Berkshire Co., Mass., Jan., 1860.

A PUZZLED PHYSICIAN.—Dr. Ferneau of Suffolk county, was called a week or two since to visit a Canadian bricklayer, living at Cold Spring, and who was suffering from an attack of pleurisy. Dr. F. ordered him to apply a poultice to the part affected, and to let a portion to be taken internally. The suffering Kanaka, thinking the outside application more palatable than the powder, reversed the physician's directions, and the next day found himself restored to health. On his rounds the next morning, the worthy physician called to see his bricklayer patient, and was surprised as well as pleased to find him up and at work, and attributing his recovery to the remedies he had prescribed, approached him with a query—"So ho, you are all ready are you?"—"Oh, yes," replied the patient, beaming on the doctor with an expression of gratitude, "I swallow de poultice and rub ah de pow-dare on de rib, and feel much better—de-are good." The puzzled physician satisfied himself that such was really the case, and drove off whistling.

Vanity Fair, the New York Punch, makes one of its good hits as follows:

A LITTLE LESSON FOR JIMMY BUCHANAN.—At a place called Australia, far away in the sea, the folks use a strange wrap-on called

Boo-ma-rang, which in English means For-nie. The folks there know how to use it, but when strange folks, who do not know how to use it, take it up and throw it from them it comes right back very hard, and hurts them. It is a very ugly weapon, and good little boys should not touch it; but little boys may be rash, if not warned, so all good boys must take care never to handle the Boo-ma-rang, lest their friends, if they have any, should mourn for them some bright March after-noon.

## IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES!

### SAPONIFIER!

The Ready Family Soap Maker. WITH which every family with its ordinary kitchen grease, can make all their soap with little or no trouble, hot or cold, and in any quantity. It will make hard water soft, clean, remove grease, &c., to perfection. Abundant testimony in favor of the saponifier, with full and valuable receipts for making different kinds of soap, sent free, by address.

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Be sure you get the original and best article manufactured by the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, East Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

## EXECUTORS SALE

Will be sold at public auction, on the premises at Melrose's Falls, on Saturday, March 31, 1860, at 10 o'clock a. m., the

## DWELLING-HOUSE

and out-buildings belonging to the estate of the late Obed S. Hatch, together with about 2 acres of land adjoining, being one of the most pleasant locations in the thriving village of Melrose's Falls. The buildings are in good repair, and a never-failing stream of good water running at the foot of the hill.

Sale positive. Possession given immediately. Terms made known at time and place of sale. P. BUCHANAN, Executor. 81-83

## FARM AT AUCTION.

By virtue of license from the Probate Court for the District of Caledonia, there will be sold at public auction, on Saturday, the 31st day of March, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises, the

## ISAAC MARTIN FARM,

situated in Burke. Said farm contains some 95 acres. The land is of the first quality, and the buildings are of the best and most convenient, and is well watered and wooded. There is also on the farm one of the best apple orchards in the town, and a good sugar orchard.

There will also be sold at the same time, 2000 or 3000 long, heavy Box Stoves for Shops, crockery, and other articles too numerous to mention. O. A. DENISON, Adm'r. 81-83

## FARM FOR SALE AT AUCTION.

The subscriber will sell at public auction, on Tuesday, April 3d, 1860 at 10 o'clock a. m., the farm known as the Thomas Maclean farm, located about one mile from the Melrose depot in Burke, on the main road to Waterford. Said farm contains

## 66 ACRES OF LAND.

more or less, divided into tillage, mowing and pasture. There is a good wood lot on the farm, and it is well watered. Also, a house and barn on the premises.

For Sale positive to the highest bidder, and terms liberal. John H. Moore, Auctioneer. Passumpsic, March 19, 1860. 82-83

## Paddock Machine Works.

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT.

THE subscriber has on hand or will make to order Woodworth's Planing Machines of various sizes and prices, Dimension Planers, Saws and Doors, and other Lumber Machinery. Mill Work and Repairing done at short notice and on reasonable terms.

Has constantly on hand the Egan Allen Cook Stove, Ranges and Boiler Plates, Doors for Arches and Gables, Halls and Church Stairs, Clothes Reels, Blacksmith's Twines, Door Sills and Track Sinks and Hollow Ware. Also the Patent Pig Pen, Sawyer's Cultivators, Chimney Tubes and such articles as are usually manufactured at such an establishment.

Orders by mail promptly attended to. A. THOMPSON. 374 St. Johnsbury, May 2, 1859.

## New Jewelry & Book Store.

O. C. CHILDS.

NOW offers at his CHEAP CASH wholesale and retail store opposite the post office in St. Johnsbury a large and choice assortment of

## NEW GOODS,

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Cups, Napkin Rings.

N. B. My silver ware I manufacture and warrant on a number of years. I have a large variety of the time of sale. Have now on hand a new style of spoons, the latest French pattern.

## FANCY GOODS & GERMAN TOYS,

A fine assortment, also,

Colored Lithograph Pictures & Gift Frames,

Stereoscopes and a fine assortment of Stereoscopic Views.

EYE GLASSES AND SPECTACLES,

of Gold, Silver, Steel and other kinds of bows. My assortment and experience are such that I can fully supply the wants of those who can be helped.

## Books and Stationery.

Every description of work made in the latest and most approved styles, such as Pins, Ear Rings, Bracelets, Chains, &c.

Besides the goods enumerated above, may be found a large variety of other articles which I shall be pleased to show to any person who desires to purchase cheap.

If good goods and low prices will induce people to buy, they can be had at my store.

Please call and examine my stock. All goods warranted as represented.

Those wishing the best low priced sewing machine can be furnished with one at my store.

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O. C. CHILDS.

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DECORATIVE UPHOLSTERER. ALLEN'S NEW BLOCK, RAILROAD ST. is prepared to make and put down carpets, to make and hang window shades, repair furniture and retrim mattresses of every kind in a superior manner. Mattresses new cushions made, and Drapery arranged according to the latest Paris and New York styles. Every variety of upholstery goods, trimmings and ornaments furnished, and order at short notice. Window shades, wire screens, Ventilators made to order to fit the windows. I am also prepared to contract for the fitting up of Hotels, Churches, &c.

J. T. CASSING, Rail Road St. St. Johnsbury, Oct. 18, 1859. 60-61

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Also, India and Buckwheat Flour, Corn Meal, and Rye Meal. Hulled, Bailey, Canary, Hemp and Millet Seed, for sale at the lowest price, by

ALEX. LANG.

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A small farm situated in Lyndon—contains about 50 acres of land.

For particulars, inquire at THE CALDONIAN CHARLES STONE, on the premises.

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Solicitors orders for all kinds of Castings, and Mill Work, such as Heavy Box Stoves for Shops, Starch Mills, School Houses and Stores. Threshing Machine Castings, Cast Iron Water Wheels, adapted to run under back water. Wood Planing Machines, of various kinds; also, Side Hill Right Hand and Seed Flows.

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## Gold and Silver Watches,

From the best English, Swiss, and French manufacturers; also a good assortment of American watches of every style, in gold and silver cases at

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A COMPLETE assortment of Ladies' Furs just received, and for sale low for cash by

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BOYNTON & DEMING.

St. Johnsbury, May 17, 1859.

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Fire Proof Safe. We have examined the Marland Patent Safe in your store, and as far as we are able to judge of its strength, we believe the principles upon which it is built, the material used in its construction, and the manner in which it is constructed, to be such as to make it a safe that has come under no observation, and particularly in relation to the attention of the Probate Court, that are now applying themselves, for the preservation of their records.

BENJ. W. DEAN.

BRATTLEBORO, December 3d, 1858.

This may certify that we have examined the Marland Patent Fire Proof Safe, exhibited to us by Mr. J. M. Marland, and that in our opinion Marland's Safe would be a desirable one to purchase for the use of the Probate Court.

T. T. RILEY, Judge of Probate.

MONROVIA, April 27d, 1859.

The Legislature of Vermont at its last session, passed a law making it the duty of the county judges to examine the Fire Proof Safes, in order to report to the State.

In discharge of that duty we have spent some time in examining the Marland Safe, manufactured by M. B. Marland, of this State, and we have found it to be such as to make it a safe that has come under no observation, and particularly in relation to the attention of the Probate Court, that are now applying themselves, for the preservation of their records.

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